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Petitions Are Out

by D. A. Atkins

In the last issue of this paper, I called for a general election to decide on Alan Lambert's replacement on City Council. Petitions requesting this election are now being circulated throughout the City for your convenience.

By signing this petition, you will be letting City Council know that you do not want your new representative chosen for you by current Council members; rather, you would like to make your own choice by voting in a general election.

Nowhere in the City Charter does it say that the Council has to accept these petitions and place the issue on the ballot; however, if the Council members do not place it on the ballot after you have voiced your opinion, then you will know where to go from there at the next general election.

I feel that it is very important that you sign this petition for an election, even though it will cost the taxpayers additional money. If there is no election, then the majority of the Council members may, according to the City Charter, appoint anyone they wish as Lambert's replacement to serve for the next year. You may or may not be happy with their decision, depending upon whom they choose. If there is an election, however, then you will be making that choice.

Some say that the right way to choose would be by selecting the person who finished next in line (eighth) in the last election, but is that really the right way to do it? If you lose a ball game (or any other contest, for that matter), it doesn't matter by how many runs you lost, or what the score was. Whether you lost by one or ten thousand, you still lost.

The same is true with an election. If you lost by one vote, it is the same as losing by a landslide. In other words, the majority of people did not want you in office. Therefore, when a position becomes vacant, it only makes sense to have a new election to fill that vacancy. This is true in the Lambert case.

Please look for the petitions circulating in your neighborhood and sign them. They will be presented to the Council in the appropriate manner.

Critters Being Killed Wetland = Wasteland



by D. A. Atkins

'Little Critters' is the term that some people from the South use to refer to some forms of wildlife. Since there are many things that little critters can't protect themselves from, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is supposed to do that for them. Most of the time, the DNR does a very fine job of protecting all wildlife, both great and small, but what is happening in the City of Wayne is beyond belief.

Most cities, townships, counties, etc., have areas that are designated as 'wetlands.' The DNR designates these wetlands to protect the smaller forms of wildlife — everything from tiny 'crit-

ters' like amoebae to slightly larger ones like grasshoppers, fish, frogs, rabbits, snails, and the like.

For some reason, the City of Wayne sold a piece of property designated as wetland to Ford Motor Company, which wanted to build a factory on the site. Normally, that would be no concern of the City of Romulus, but that isn't so in this case. You see, the City of Wayne wants to designate a parcel of land in Romulus as a wetland area to replace the property it just sold.

Now, this gets kind of confusing after a while, so pay close attention to what you're about to read.

As I said earlier, wetland areas are

designated by the DNR to protect wildlife. That is supposed to mean that whatever wildlife lives there cannot be bothered, maimed, or destroyed — by anyone!

I wonder what happened in Wayne? Did someone forget the rules and laws, or just what exactly happened?

Since selling the property designated as wetland to Ford Motor Company, the DNR and the City of Wayne have said that the area has to be replaced, and that the replacement is to be in Romulus. Why? Who knows? The City Attorney for Romulus doesn't know, the Mayor doesn't know, the City Council

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THE EDITOR'S OPINION



Reporting at its Best?

by D. A. Atkins

Responsible reporting — like writing about the facts - seems to be a thing of the past for some publications.

It is the responsibility of each reporter and editor to obtain all of the pertinent information that he possibly can before printing a story of any kind. This is not always easy, or even possible, since there are certain factors against you over which you have no control, but that is just part of everyday reporting. In most cases, however, the facts are there if you look for them, and look for them you must.

Often, the facts are right in front of you, but they are sometimes overlooked

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by the careless, or ignored by the irresponsible. There is often a reason for this disregard; look at the front pages of some of the national tabloids, for instance. They sell papers by hyping a story with headlines like, "My baby was three years old when it was born," and crazy trash like that. The bad part is that people buy these papers anyway, even though they know that these headlines are misleading, at best.

This inaccurate reporting has now carried over into some of the larger papers - not just tabloids, but dailies and weeklies as well. "Sell papers; sell papers regardless of the cost to truth and responsible journalism," seems to be the cry of some publications.

I am not saying that mistakes have never appeared in my reporting; however, I do make every possible attempt to find out all I can about a story before it is published. You see, I don't care about selling papers - The Romulus News is free, anyway. So what is my main goal, if it isn't selling papers? It's accurate, concise reporting. Bringing you the 'truth' is my first and foremost obligation as Editor of this paper, and many of you readers are aware of this.

Many have been upset with me over what I've written - the Mayor, City Council members, businessmen, and others - but that is something that everyone will just have to live with. If I come across information that I think you should be aware of, then you can be sure that I will gather all of the facts that I can and print the story, because I feel that it is important that citizens be informed.

There has been much controversy over Alan Lambert. There are those who would like to make themselves look good by raising an issue that will soon be settled, regardless. City Councilman Bergeron said it best when he said it's too late to do anything about it anyway. He said that the Lambert situation should be over with by the end of the month, and he is right.

When it comes to attorneys' opinions about Council matters, they might just as well save their breath because, outside of an Attorney General's opinion, they don't mean much (officially) anyway. According to Romulus City Attorney Barry Seifman, even he was not asked for an opinion on the Lambert issue.

Now, those are the facts — facts you should know about a story that has already been made too much of. Some would have you, the public, believe that Mr. Lambert is presently employed as a police cadet dispatcher. With one telephone call, I found that Mr. Lambert's position at present is, in fact, police recruit. What does the word 'recruit' mean? According to The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, New College Edition, a recruit is, "1. A newly engaged member of a military force; especially, one of

the lowest rank or grade. 2. A new member of any organization or body."

I suppose that, if there is so much controversy over Lambert, there could be questions raised about other people as well. Mr. Wadsworth is a Wayne County Sheriff Deputy, and the Sheriff's Department does, in fact, patrol the roads in Romulus. Does that not present a conflict of interest? Mary Ann Banks works for the Romulus school system and, at times, must voice an opinion or vote on things regarding the schools. Does that present a conflict of interest?

You could go on and on about various things regarding controversy, but the important thing is to get the facts straight before printing them. It makes no difference who you are.

Trash Dumping

Romulus residents will be able to dump their trash in the dumpster at the Department of Public Works, free of charge, from May 1 until September 30. Dumping hours will be from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. No Saturday hours are scheduled at this time.

New Law

A new Michigan law mandates that an advertisement for goods or repair services at a stated address must include a street address where business is actually conducted and, if applicable, where parts can be purchased. The law does not apply to mail-order businesses and does not penalize newspapers, printers and publishers or broadcasters who unknowingly present an advertisement that doesn't meet the new State requirements.

News From The **Rec Center**

The Romulus Recreation Department has extended its deadline for Men's Slow Pitch Softball until April 25, 1988. James Baldwin, League Director, announced that entry into this year's league is open to non-residents. For further information, contact James Baldwin at 942-6852.

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Mayor's Task Force on **Substance Abuse**

March 8, 1988, was submitted by Alton M. Shelly.

Present:

Mayor Beverly McAnally, Romulus Police Chief Charles Wilmoth, Officer John Smagner, Jeaunine Wafer-Frison, Kathryn Ciezynski, Bill Nash, Lonnie Stevens, Patti Mawby, Lloyd Coleman, Delphine Mahalak, Sandra Moreland, Mark Small and Alton Shelly.

Mayor's Report and Discussion:

Mayor McAnally stated, "The message of concern about drug abuse is becoming better known in the community." Mayor McAnally has been requested to speak to a number of groups about what the community has been doing to deter drug abuse.

Mr. Coleman feels the community is more concerned now than it was a year ago.

Sandra Moreland voiced that there's increased awareness that drug abuse creates many problems for the entire family. Families are seeking help.

The community has been supportive of local law enforcement efforts.

Many still feel that hard drugs are the worrisome problem, and tend to minimize the dangers of alcohol abuse.

Bill Nash expressed the belief that alcohol impacts on a larger number of people, youth and adults, than crack or cocaine.

Idea Expressed: The Task Force needs to increase the emphasis on alcohol abuse and the dangers involved.

Mayor McAnally asked that the Task Force members give thought to what initiatives might be taken.

Lonnie Stevens said that feedback from the Girl Scouts indicates that the message from parents is that alcohol is OK, and the parents express relief that their son or daughter is 'just' drunk rather than 'high.'

Chief Wilmoth mentioned that Officer Smagner is involved in promoting 'Project Graduation' at the Romulus Senior High. The project emphasizes that alcohol plus graduation can add up to tragedy.

Kathy Ciezyski indicated that an adolescent treatment program, funded by SEMSAS, is receiving few referrals,

This summary of the meeting held on indicating that persons needing help are not seeking treatment.

> A number of persons expressed that we need to do something about the permissive availability of alcohol. Ongoing emphasis needs to include 'no sale' to minors.

> Lloyd Coleman indicated he has obtained a video tape about drug abuse on which Nancy Reagan appeared. The suggestion was made to have the tape shown to the Task Force as well as placed on cable TV.

> Another suggestion was to develop a cable program that involved telephone calls and discussion by a panel of local persons. Possibilities in terms of the content:

- law enforcement
- adolescent concerns
- treatment issues

The question was raised whether a neighboring community might have a studio that could be used.

Mayor McAnally will inquire with Barden Cable TV how we can produce a program and how many residents in the community have cable.

There are existing programs already developed that could be used. It was suggested that the Substance Abuse Task Force sponsor a weekly program on cable. The Police Department recently ordered close to \$2,500 worth of videotapes and films to use in drug education work. It was suggested that the City might want to obtain a camcorder to facilitate the development of cable programs.

Community Drug Awareness Program

Jeaunine Wafer-Frison reported on a gospel-singing drug education program held at the Romulus Senior High on February 20, 1988. She expressed the concern that crack is a growing problem. The problem is evidenced in the many places in the City where crack is being sold. Jeaunine indicated she is planning another concert for the first week of May. She will try to bring in a well-known entertainment group.

Jeaunine indicated her goal is to raise money to open a residential treatment program in Romulus.

Employee Assistance Workshop:

Mayor McAnally asked Bill Nash



to re-explore, with the leaders of the Chamber, their interest in helping to sponsor a workshop with representatives of business and industry, focusing on constructive ways to respond to the drug abuse problems. The Chamber's help should also be sought on finding a location for such a workshop. Fundraising:

Mayor McAnally requested Police Chief Wilmoth to explore the availability of a fund raiser for the work of the Task Force.

Charter **Outdated**

by D. A. Atkins

The City Charter dates back to 1970, when the township became the City of Romulus. Times have changed greatly over the 18 years that have elapsed since then, and it is time for the City Charter to be amended so that it better serves today's needs. Just as the United States Constitution has needed to be 'updated' from time to time, amendments to the City Charter are necessary to sustain effective government.

For example, the way the Charter is now written, neither the Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, or anyone else can authorize a purchase of over \$750 without the approval of City Council. That was fine in 1970, when a new automobile, loaded. cost about \$4,000; however, that same car costs about \$18,000 today. Inflation alone declares that this particular part of the Charter should be amended.

Consider, for instance, what would

happen if money needed to be appropriated immediately in the case of an emergency. Let's say that a child falls down in a well somewhere in Romulus, and the piece of equipment necessary to get her out will cost the City \$2,000. Since the money would not have been budgeted for, then, according to the Charter, there would have to be a meeting of the Council to appropriate it. The Mayor could take emergency action, but would have to wait until City Council met again to find out whether or not the action would be approved.

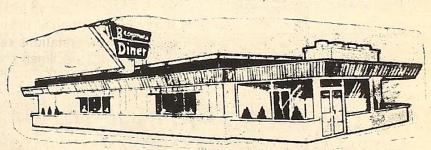
There are many areas of the Charter that need amending, and hearings are now being held to find out just exactly what needs to be changed so that the proposed changes can be decided on by the voters of Romulus.

I recently attended one of these meetings, and I felt that some relevant points were brought up, so I will be keeping you informed about what is proposed. I would suggest that you might like to cut out these parts of the paper and save them for reference so that you will have some idea of what will be voted on if amendments to the City Charter are proposed. It will all be explained in plain English (that's all I understand, anyway), not political or legal terms.

If you would like to serve on the Charter Review Committee, please call the Mayor's Office at 942-7571. The next meeting is scheduled for April 20 at 4:30 p.m., and subsequent meetings will be held at the same time every two weeks thereafter.

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CITIZENS & PUBLIC OFFICIALS HERE'S YOUR NEWS "N" UIEWS

The purpose of the News 'N' Views column is to provide Romulus citizens with an opportunity to express their opinions. These opinions are not necessarily those of The Romulus News.

by Lora Branham, Romulus resident

In an article in the 4/6/88 issue of the Romulus Roman, a local businessowner and lawyer, Wendell Flynn, himself hired a lawyer and cited a legal opinion, and then stated his own legal interpretation of that opinion. The main drift of both lawyer Flynn's opinion and the opinion he hired from attorney Joseph Galvin, was that Romulus City Councilman Alan Lambert should resign from Council because his job on Council is in conflict with his (supposed) job with the City as a police officer recruit trainee and that his actions on Council may be declared invalid. In conflict with these same opinions, the same article also then recognizes that, "After he passes the police academy, he (Lambert) is guaranteed a job with the Romulus police force." When Councilman Lambert passes his police academy training, and is then offered and accepts the job with the Romulus police force, he has stated that he would resign at that time. This is rightfully so, and at that time and not before, and with full integrity on the part of the Councilman, in this resident's opinion. This Councilman shouldn't have to resign from Council because of conflict of interest in holding two jobs with the City before he has been offered and accepted the second job with the City.

First of all, because of its lack of background and conflicting source from and reference to lawyer Wendell Flynn, the article in the Romulus Roman publishing the legal opinions brought by Flynn, appears to be more in conflict with itself, than Councilman Lambert's job could ever be and ever has been for the past three terms. Contrary to how lawyer Flynn himself's job was presented in the article, lawyer Flynn is not the City Attorney, nor is he the City Legal Counselor, (and the residents are thankful that he is not). Also, the "special attorney" hired was hired by lawyer Flynn, not the City. The incorrect types of reference to lawyer Flynn did not lend any additional credit in the eyes of the residents to the opinions he publicized against this Councilman. To the credit of the residents of Romulus, they do know better than this. They are aware of who the officials of their City actually are, and a great many called the City itself to double check on this one. The residents here have also been made to become aware of who Wendell Flynn is over the past year. Actually Wendell Flynn himself is only a local business owner operating in Romulus, who resides in Grosse Isle, and is also a lawyer and Real Estate operator and Business Developer. Actually lawyer Flynn himself is not a Romulus resident and his main interests in Romulus appear to be in buying up property around Romulus as cheaply as he can, and developing businesses on those properties, or expanding his existing Airlines Parking lot area business, and as natural for a businessman to make as much profit as he can.

Perhaps it is that lawyer Flynn himself has some "conflict of interest" in involving himself in bringing opinions against Councilman Lambert remaining on City Council, and in hiring another attorney to prepare an opinion for himself, and in himself taking the liberty of issuing an additional interpretation of that opinion. In knowing some of the background before City Council between this Councilman and lawyer Flynn, you have to wonder . . . for exactly who's benefit did Flynn so trouble and publicly involve himself for in taking all these actions upon himself against this Councilman and at this time? However, since lawyer Flynn has decided to publicly involve himself in securing and publicizing all these legal opinions and interpretations of opinions against this Councilman, certainly the public and residents have a right to know and be allowed the presentation of some of the background involved with the source of these opinions.

Knowing this Councilman's record of supporting the residents, and directly opposing specific zoning issues and petitions of benefit to lawyer Flynn brought before Council by him in November and December of 1987, when both Councilmen Lambert and Wadsworth opposed him. And knowing that at the last Council meeting on 3/28/88, the week before lawyer Flynn publicly involved himself with legal opinions against Councilman Lambert remaining and voting on City Council, that Lambert was again one of the Councilmen who again voted against Flynn's petition before Council that the City vacate and give him streets and alleyways overtaken in his parking lot. And that at this time, that Councilman Lambert also supported a motion against Flynn by Councilman Gear that the vacating not be decided and tabled by Council until the lawsuits and pending litigation by the City

against Flynn in overtaking that area were settled.

It is no secret and has been published in the papers that the City itself does have lawsuits pending against lawyer Flynn for violations of existing zonings and ordinances, including 13 violations with 4 of them criminal charges. Many of the Romulus residents, and especially those of the Ecorse Subdivision adjacent the present bulk of the Flynn properties, have been made especially aware of the dealings of lawyer Wendell Flynn over the past year, in his efforts to expand his business holdings within Romulus. This, in appearance to the residents affected, is without regard to the effect and expense and removing of existing neighborhoods and residents already located here in Romulus. Any developer not showing this respect to a community should not be encouraged to further develop into its neighborhoods, or to gain any further prominence or holdings in our community, or offer public statements suspect of any bias and their own personal interests against our elected officials who are doing their job serving the public and representing the interests of the residents within the community. There are many in Romulus who do respect the City Ordinances and the Community they are located in and its residents and obviously try to enhance the Community by so respecting it.

Certainly actions taken on the supposed behalf of the people in publicizing one's legal opinions against an elected official, should have clear cut motivation of being in the public's best interest, and not to be clouded with an appearance of self-interest and business gains, and possibilities of some type of getting even action over a Councilman's action of voting against a businessman's personal business interests and acting on behalf of the residents opposing the actions. Certainly the citizens of Romulus have the right to object to and not to have to be offended by such appearances. This particular resident is outraged.

In this resident's opinion, lawyer Wendell Flynn does not run this City, and should leave the representation of the people to those who can do it without appearance of conflict of interest in their own personal gains or efforts to gain influence over our elected City officials and Council. There are many fine people, including this Councilman and our City's other elected officials, who can truly represent the interest of the people of this City. We do not need someone to overstep their bounds and go over everyone's head in appearance to influence Council representation for their own gain. If lawyer Flynn has political aspirations in looking out for the interest of the citizens and residents of Romulus, after he looks out for his personal business interests, then let him first lend some credibility to his own act and learn to respect Romulus Ordinances, the residences of our neighborhoods, and evidently the Romulus Community as a whole.

It certainly appears evident that

lawyer Flynn by his publicized opinions would like to see Councilman Lambert removed from City Council as soon as possible or sooner. Apparently lawyer Flynn cannot even seem to wait until April 28th when the Councilman would decide whether to accept the actual police job to be offered or not offered at that time. In this Councilman's accepting a job as a police officer in Romulus, we would certainly continue to benefit and receive good public service from him as we have in the past. We would, however, also lose a good Councilman. It is a matter of public record, which the residents of Romulus have also seen, that this Councilman has represented the interests of the people, and acted on behalf of the residents of Romulus. He has supported the residents through his actions on City Council even when their interests are in conflict with the interests of business within Romulus. The City of Romulus is not swamp land; Romulus is a Community with the Metro Airport smack-dab in the middle of it; and Romulus is certainly going to continue to grow and progress accordingly. However, this should not and does not have to be at the expense or loss of residents here without regard for the effect had on neighborhoods and residents already existing here.

If we do lose Councilman Lambert as a Councilman, it becomes a matter of great importance for the residents here in Romulus to make sure that we continue to have enough voices on City Council to protect our rights as residents and our homes in Romulus. At this time more than ever, with all the business development that is going on throughout Romulus, residents need to make sure that a Councilman is elected who is equally as supportive of residential interests, and will act on behalf of the people living here in Romulus. We need the protection of having a Public Election held in order to make sure the citizens and residents of Romulus have a voice in replacing this Council position with someone we can each be sure will represent the residents in business development matters brought before City Council. And we need to petition our existing City Council to make sure this Public Election is held for us. Obviously, business developers such as lawyer Flynn wouldn't want another Councilman to replace Councilman Lambert, who would continue to vote against business petitions when they are at the expense of residents and objected to by the residents. And obviously, the residents of Romulus need to make sure that we have people elected on City Council and City government that will make sure business respects the interests of the residents and residential areas of Romulus.

Opinion sincerely and respectfully submitted to the Citizens and Residents of Romulus,

Lora Branham

Faust Pursues Regional Police Officers Training Facility

Last Wednesday, State Senator William Faust (D-Westland) said that Wayne County legislators will continue to work with law enforcement officials from the Western Wayne County and Downriver areas in pursuing the establishment of a regional police officers training facility at Schoolcraft College/ Radcliff in Garden City.

"A group of Wayne County legislators met recently to discuss how we could best pursue the establishment of such a facility and plans are underway for additional meetings to work toward making this goal a reality,"

"We definitely need this kind of facility in our area to enhance the ability of Western Wayne County and Downriver Police Departments to attract and train high-quality recruits in a timely fashion. This is important to the departments' increased efforts to fight crime," Faust said. He pointed out that the Western Wayne and Downriver area is one of the most populous in the State, and its lack of a police officers training academy prohibits input and advice into training by programs by local police chiefs.

Senator Faust also said that Schoolcraft College/Radcliff, at the request of the police chiefs representing Western Wayne County and the Downriver Mutual Aid Task Force, is preparing a proposal for the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council (MLEOTC) requesting approval for a pre-service academy located at the

Garden City Campus. The college and the police chiefs would like to present the proposal to MLEOTC for approval by the autumn of this year and then begin the first academy in the spring/ summer of 1989.

"The Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council currently has a moratorium on new academies because of funding problems which have resulted in understaffing," Faust said. "However, Wayne County legislators, law enforcement officers and college officials believe this academy could be achieved by shifting resources to the Western Wayne location."

The Western Wayne County and Downriver area police chiefs have emphasized the need for a training facility in Western Wayne County which affords them a timely and cost-effective way of providing training; offers them an opportunity to give advice on the type of training required; and provides training tailored for their specific needs. Schoolcraft College/Radcliff officials have indicated that the establishment of a pre-service academy would also serve Schoolcraft College Criminal Justice Associate Degree students. students with degrees from other colleges, and local police cadets.

"There are several excellent reasons for establishing a police officers training facility in Western Wayne County and that's why I and other area legislators will continue to lend our help in working to get this program off the ground," Faust said.

Neighborhood **Action Meeting**

by John Smagner, Crime Prevention Officer, Romulus Police Department

The Romulus City Council and Administration, in response to citizens' concerns about trespassing, vandalism and harassment, have scheduled a Citizens' Neighborhood Action Meeting. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 1988, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers; all interested residents are encouraged to attend.

Representatives from various City

departments will also be in attendance to assist with questions and information. We are also anticipating the attendance of the judges of the Thirty-fourth District Court and Wayne County Juvenile Court to help in this discussion. The purpose of this meeting is to formulate a plan to reduce and eliminate these and other community problems.

Your attendance at this very important meeting will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

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The course schedule is: Tuesday, May 10 — 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 — 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 12 — 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 13 — 6:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 14 — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All course sessions must be attended to earn the certificate.

All first-time hunters are required to successfully pass this course in order to obtain a hunting license in Michigan. The purpose of the course is to teach responsible hunting practices. Students will receive instruction in:

- hunter responsibility
- firearms, shooting, and bows and arrows
- wildlife identification, management and game care
- survival and first aid

The course instructors are Sergeant Daryl Poe and Officer Thomas Ellis.

Since 1985, more than 100 youngsters have participated in Hunter Safety programs sponsored by the Romulus Police Department/Romulus Police Officers Association.

Spring Cleaning

Springtime is here, and summer is shortly behind. Many of us have a tendency to let our property go unattended through the winter, and then take our sweet old time cleaning it up in the spring.

This spring, however, will be somewhat different, as the Ordinance Department has more manpower and will be giving warnings and violations for unkempt properties, and unlicensed or immobile vehicles on properties.

Also, don't forget that, if you are going to have a garage or yard sale, you must first get a license from the City Clerk's office to do so. The cost of the license is \$5. If you hold a yard or garage sale without it, you can, by law, be arrested. It is safer and less expensive to buy the license.

Streets to be Paved

According to Jim Panos, head of the Department of Public Works, the following streets will be paved this summer: Hannan, Porter, Jones, Van Petten, Heroux, and Neville/Sharon. Mr. Panos did not, however, indicate in what order the work will be done.

If you have any questions regarding either these or other streets, contact Jim Panos, DPW Director, or Ray Stritz, Assistant Director.

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It's The Law



by Murray A. Duncan, Jr., Attorney

Q. When selling property on a land contract, may I restrict the purchaser's right to assign the land contract to another party?

A. The Michigan courts view restraints on assignment of land contracts as restraints on alienation.

Restraints on Alienation is a provision in a contract of conveyance of land which prohibits the purchaser from selling the property which is the subject of the conveyance. Many such restraints are unenforceable as against public policy and the law's policy of free alienability of land.

In Michigan, generally, either party has the right to assign their interest in a land contract even if not specifically allowed by the contract. The only restraints upon assignment likely to be upheld are those involving a reasonableness standard. For example, where the seller must approve the credit of the new purchaser, when the approval is not unreasonably withheld.

If a person assigns an interest in a land contract to another person, the assignment does not release the party assigning from their obligation under the contract. Thus, if the second purchaser does not make payments the seller may demand payment from the first purchaser even though they have assigned the contract to another party.

If you have a legal question that you would like answered, you may send your question to my office and I will attempt to answer your question in this paper's next issue. Questions should be mailed to: Murray A. Duncan, Jr., 10000 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

A Hot Time in the Old Town

by D. A. Atkins

The Romulus Fire Department displayed its excellent skills on Sunday, April 17, as it set fire to a building on Kempa Street in the Ecorse Subdivision. The structure was the abandoned house that I had written about in a couple of recent issues of this paper. The Mayor ordered it destroyed because of the potential hazards it presented.

The 'controlled fire' presented an excellent opportunity to train new firemen and give the more experienced men a little 'brush up,' also.

It was the first time I had seen a controlled fire, and I assure you that this one was aptly named. Even though the building was burned completely to the ground, there was no debris outside the perimeter of the walls. It was absolutely amazing to see how the smoke is controlled with water, and how the fire will burn when water is placed in certain areas of the blaze. I also learned that a good indicator of whether or not a fire is under control is smoke that is white instead of black.

No firemen were allowed inside the house although, if it had been an actual life-threatening fire, men would have been sent inside to search for survivors. I can tell you right now that, after seeing just how hot that fire got, there was no way anyone would have gotten me to go inside of that building. The men who do have to go inside burning build-

ings are literally taking their lives into. their hands to save someone else. You have to have a lot of guts to do something like that.

The fire was started with fuel oil and, naturally, when it first began to burn, there was a tremendous amount of rolling black smoke present - so much so, in fact, that you could barely see the house after only a couple of

Then all hell broke loose; bright red and orange flames leapt out from every opening, daring the best of the firemen to try to stop them. And the best did stop them. That best was our fire department - all volunteers.

Now that I have seen how competently our fire department handled those vicious flames, I will definitely rest easier at night.

Almost all of the people in City Government were aware of the scheduled fire and its purpose, but only Councilmen Gear and Pennington were there for the event. The Mayor stopped by after attending church services to congratulate the men on the fine job they had done, but, after all, she did her job by declaring the destruction of the building.

You Paid How Much?

by Tom Shamanski

It's recently occurred to me that people love to tell others they were somehow cheated in their recent purchase. I'm not talking strangers or acquaintances, but the best of friends. We all do it!

Perhaps you purchased a new lawnmower, a top-of-the-line model that can do everything but braid the grass into pigtais. Of course, you're impatiently waiting for your best friend, George, to drop by so you can show off your magnificent turbo-powered machine. What does George say after he gives it the once-over? "Gee, it's nice, Tom, but Fred Flaphorn has an even better model at his store for half the price."

Can you think of anything more deflating? Can you think of any time you've wanted to strangle George more? Why didn't he tell me beforehand?

There ought to be a law to prevent this type of thing. If this behavior isn't nipped in the bud, it could easily lead to nationwide social upheaval.

Take, for example, the selection of marriage mates. As it stands, our friends and relatives may, on occasion, wonder aloud whether so-and-so is really the person for you, the one to keep you in perpetual bliss. How many of us, hearing these out-loud wonderings, have immediately dismissed them and proceeded with the wedding? About 100%, I would think.

But what if, beforehand, we were offered an alternative model? What if one of our friends told us about a person who was twice as good-looking, did three times the work, and only ate half the food? The course of history could be changed! George might not have married Martha. Nancy might have spurned Ronnie. Grandma might never have married Grandpa, and where would that leave me?

Starting now, I'm waging war against the "you paid how much?" problem. Here's my plan. Recently, I bought a new radiator for my car; naturally, a friend told me I was cheated by the garage. He knew where I should have gone, whom I should have seen to save "really big bucks." Again, too little, too late. Well, some night next week, about four o'clock in the morning, I'm going to call my know-it-all friend. I'll tell him my darn radiator is giving me trouble again, and where was it I should take my car to save "really big bucks"? I'll hang up when I'm sure he's awake. The next time, he may think twice before asking, "You paid how much?"

I know this may sound mean, but after all, this is war. We've got to draw the line somewhere!

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It's Something **Worth Thinking About**

by Marvin Hawbaker, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church of Romulus

There is an interesting account of an incident in the life of Jesus found in Mark 5:1-20. Jesus met a man who was possessed by demons. This man was fierce and uncontrollable. He lived in the graveyard. He was miserable to the point that he would torment himself by cutting himself with sharp stones. There seemed to be no help for him at all - until Jesus came into his life. Jesus cast the demons out of the man and changed his life. There was such a dramatic change in the man that those who knew him before were actually afraid of the power of Jesus. Here was a man who had been insane and a tormentor both of himself and others who was now "... sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind ..." (Mark 5:15)

What does this have to do with us today? It simply shows the power of Jesus over sin and the devil — a power that can literally turn a life around and make it new. If you are miserable because of slavery to sin, Jesus Christ is the answer. He will cleanse you, forgive you, but most importantly, He will change you and make you a new creation in Him.

The answer for the sin problem in our lives is Jesus Christ.

It is something worth thinking about.

WETLANDS

doesn't know, and I certainly don't know, either.

The City of Romulus has instigated legal proceedings against the City of Wayne, not to stop the building of the new Ford plant, but to stop Wayne and the DNR from designating a piece of Romulus property as wetland. You see, wetland property is non-taxable. So, if Wayne gets someone at the DNR to tell these little critters to 'git,' then the City of Wayne can make a healthy profit from the sale of the land, plus the taxes that

Obituary

Ralph F. Leet

Ralph F. Leet, of 6663 Ball Road, Romulus, died April 13, 1988, at Allen Park V.A. Hospital. He was 82 years old.

Ralph was the beloved husband of Charlotte Leet, and the dear father of Mrs. William (Patricia) Kellar, Virginia Montgomery, and Mrs. Paul (Rosemary) Helm. He is also survived by sister Almira Tisron and eight grandchildren.

Ralph had been an employee of Chrysler for 29 years, and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ in Redford Township.

Funeral services were held April 15 at Crane Funeral Home, with Frank Vitto officiating. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home, 36885 Goddard Road, Romulus.



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You see, after the parcel of Romulus land is redesignated as wetland, the City won't be able to charge taxes on it anymore, and so loses a previous source of revenue. Guess who wins and who loses in a case like this?

The attorney for the City of Romulus recently told me, "The editorial The continued on page 18

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HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH

Peptic Ulcers

This reprint from Biomedical Information Corporation's Compendium of Patient Information was submitted by J. H. Barden, D.O.

Ulcers are small, open craters or sores that develop in the lining of the stomach or the duodenum, which is the first section of the small intestine. The term peptic ulcer is generally used to describe both types of ulcers. There are, fortunately, a number of treatments that relieve the discomfort associated with ulcers, and, in most cases, ulcers do heal. Learning how your ulcer may have developed and also understanding what irritates it and keeps it from healing will help you to work with your physician in establishing the most effective treatment plan.

Origins

Peptic ulcers occur only in those areas of the digestive system that come in contact with digestive juices secreted by the stomach. These juices include stomach acid — basically hydrochloric acid — and an enzyme called pepsin, which breaks down proteins. While many people with duodenal ulcers have an overabundance of digestive juices spilling down from the stomach, most of those with gastric (stomach) ulcers have normal or even below-normal amounts of stomach acid. Medical researchers therefore believe that poor resistance of the protective mucous membrane that lines both the stomach and duodenum may contribute to the development of a peptic ulcer.

Common Features

Duodenal ulcers tend to produce pain in a small area between the breast-bone and navel. The pain may vary from a hunger pain to a continuous gnawing or burning sensation. Sometimes, the pain is felt during sleep and may be strong enough to awaken the ulcer sufferer in the middle of the night. Usually, however, the pain of a duodenal ulcer occurs two or three hours after eating, when the stomach is empty. Other common symptoms include a bloating feeling immediately after eating and weight

gain due to the tendency to relieve pain and discomfort by overeating.

Gastric ulcer pain may be felt in the same place as the pain of duodenal ulcer or slightly higher up. There may also be sensations of feeling full, indigestion, and heartburn. Sometimes, pain occurs when the stomach is full, causing a loss of appetite and weight. The pain of both types of ulcer tends to be relieved by medications that neutralize stomach acid or prevent its secretion.

Complications

Gastrointestinal bleeding is one of the most serious complications of ulcers. It results when the ulcer erodes into a blood vessel in the wall of the stomach or duodenum.

The common signs of bleeding include vomiting fresh, bright red blood or passing bloody or tarry, black stools. And, in the case of severe hemorrhage, weakness, fatigue, or loss of consciousness and shock may result. Another serious ulcer complication is perforation. This can develop as stomach acid erodes through the intestinal wall and spills into the abdominal cavity. The first sign of perforation is sudden, intense, steady abdominal pain. If you are experiencing this kind of abdominal pain, contact your doctor immediately. Perforation is an extremely serious situation that requires immediate surgical treatment.

A third complication of ulcers is obstruction of the digestive tract, usually at the junction of the stomach and duodenum, as old ulcer scars accumulate and narrow the passageway through this area. As a result, food and fluid passing from the stomach to the duodenum may be restricted or blocked altogether, producing a distended stomach (from retained food and secretions), intense pain, and continued vomiting.

If you experience any of the symptoms of these three ulcer complications, contact your doctor or a hospital emergency room immediately.

Treatment

Although most ulcers will heal on their own if given time, others require specific treatment. It is important for you to make every effort to contribute to this process. Smoking cigarettes has consistently been found to slow down the healing of an ulcer. Avoidance of alcohol, aspirin, and other inflammation-reducing drugs is also advisable, especially during a flare-up, because these substances weaken the stomach lining and make it vulnerable to damage by stomach acid. Other parts of a treatment plan may include the following recommendations:

Diet. Milk and cream diets were once widely used in the treatment of ulcers, but the theory behind such treatment has since been abandoned. Currently, the main dietary rule is to eat regular, nutritious meals. Otherwise, use common sense and avoid foods that bother you. These may include greasy and spicy foods, especially those containing pepper.

Drugs. There are many different types of drugs available today for treating ulcers. Some are over-the-counter preparations that are used to neutralize stomach acid, and others are prescription medications that promote healing by inhibiting acid secretion, blocking acid production, or providing a protective coating over the ulcer. Your doctor will prescribe these medications based on your symptoms and medical history and the type of ulcer you have. If a specific antacid was prescribed, do not switch brands without your doctor's knowledge; you may end up taking a product that does not contain sufficient acid-neutralizing potency.

Surgery. For the majority of people with ulcers, the success of dietary therapy, drug therapy, or a combination of the two makes surgery unnecessary. Indications for surgery usually include perforation, obstruction due to scarring, and/or unrelenting bleeding. Uncontrollable pain may also justify surgery, but usually only after other alternatives have failed.

Summing Up

Peptic ulcer is a serious medical condition, but with proper treatment it can be controlled and, in most cases,

healed. Remember, even if the symptoms of your ulcer disappear, do not stop taking your medication without the consent of your physician. Also, do not become discouraged if you do not see immediate changes in your condition; it often takes time. Although the role of stress and anxiety is not perfectly clear, try to relax, get enough sleep, avoid irritating situations, and work off tensions by exercising, if your doctor feels you may.

Straight From the Heart

Chiropractic and Health: A Fresh Look This reprint was submitted by Dan Elwart, D.C.

Now more than ever, Americans are more interested in staying well than in treating illness. "In the past two decades," says Dr. Sharon Lee Mellott, chiropractor of Saratoga, Calif., "there has been an increased public awareness of the responsibility of taking care of one's own health." She believes that the public is no longer totally accepting of the traditional reliance on medications and surgery. "Realizing the dangers of drugs, we are returning to nature, to our roots."

A patient of Dr. Mellott's, Joan Francis of Saratoga, agrees. "Chiropractic energizes. It gives me a feeling of well-being — not a false euphoria like drugs."

Dr. James L. Holding, chiropractor of Bowie, Md., also sees the public shifting toward a holistic approach to health. "The rise of health maintenance organizations has brought about an increased emphasis on preventive health."

He notes that with the risks inherent in surgery, especially low back, chiropractic offers an alternative. It gives people the choice of first finding out if relief is possible without resorting to medications or surgery.

Prescription drugs, for example, were found in a survey to cause side effects — some described as "very serious" — in a third of Americans over 45. In another poll, only 27 percent of physicians and surgeons were correct in estimating the risks of surgical complications and death from 10 common operations. The remainder either overestimated (27 percent), underestimated (26 percent), or did not know the risks (21 percent).

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A TORNADO WATCH

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Tornados are most likely to occur in the late afternoon on a hot spring day. However, tornados have occurred in every month of the year and at all times of the day and night. When a tornado watch is issued, be alert for changes in the weather, and be prepared to act quickly.

A TORNADO WARNING

This means a tornado has actually been sighted. The sirens in Romulus will be sounded. There is no need to call the fire department or the police department.

If a tornado warning is issued, you should **SEEK SHELTER IMMEDIATELY.** The all-clear will be announced on the radio and TV.

TORNADO SAFETY TIPS

A TORNADO WATCH

- Move cars inside a garage or carport, if possible. (Cars can be damaged by large hail.)
- Move lawn furniture and yard equipment inside. (They can become missiles in windstorms.)
- Know where all family members are, at home or at a friend's home.
- Keep your radio and/or television tuned to all weather reports.

A TORNADO WARNING

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 Stay away from large open rooms, like auditoriums. Stay away from windows.
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THE POLICE BEAT

by D. A. Atkins

Someone entered a house on Taft Street in Romulus through the back door and stole a VHS/VCR. The lock on the front door had evidently been broken to make entry into the house. Apparently, the thief left by the front door and left part of the screen lying in the yard. No arrests were made.

On Colbert Street in Romulus, there were 10 weapons found in a field near the creek in that area. The resident who reported the finding said that a White male, approximately 17 years of age, with shoulder-length light-brown hair and a small build, was evidently the one who had stolen them. The weapons are presently in the Romulus Police Department awaiting fingerprinting to see if an identification of the thief can be made.

There was a dope raid on Fourth Street in Romulus at a suspected crack house. According to witnesses, the police had to break in the door to gain access to the house and fulfill a search warrant. After the search had been completed, there were no arrests made. Fourth Street has been a known area for selling crack for some time, and the Narcotics Division has been keeping a close eye on that area.

took his own life at approximately 12 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, according to the Romulus Police Department. Mr. Scafe had been having family problems lately, and the police had to be called to his daughter's home on occasion to answer family trouble calls. Mr. Scafe was in the Mayor's office the day before the suicide and was talking in a

manner that seemed to indicate that, if he returned there, some sort of trouble would result. He had an appointment to see the Mayor on the day after he committed suicide.

Mr. Scafe took his life with a 30.06 rifle wound to the head. He was found on the living-room floor. None of the family was with him when the incident occurred.

The State Police will be riding the rails soon, watching for people going through flashing warning lights at railroad crossings and going around gates that are dropped for oncoming trains. The State Police officers will observe the lawbreaker, radio a Romulus police car, and then the violator will be picked up somewhere down the road and either ticketed or arrested. So, start obeying the law; you have been forewarned.

The Michigan House of Representatives is considering measures that would require mandatory life sentences without parole for persons convicted of certain violent crimes. The bills require juries and judges to weigh the aggravating circumstances of the crime such as the number of victims, if the crime was particularly heinous, and the convicted person's prior record against factors such as the convicted person's capability of understanding or controlling his or her actions and whether the victim was a willing participant in the criminal activity. The sentence of life imprisonment without parole would be imposed if the court determined that the aggravating circumstances of the crime outweighed mitigating factors.

RJ's Owner Arrested for Drugs

by D. A. Atkins

Rayiad Swidan, a local businessman, was arrested last week on charges of selling over 52,000 LSD pills.

Swidan, owner of RJ's Party Store on Wayne Road in Romulus, is accused of selling as much as 10,000 'hits' of LSD at a time. He was arrested in his car, and had a desert eagle pistol (evidently made in Israel) and a .380 Beretta semiautomatic pistol in his possession. Swidan said the police made a mistake and were looking for his brother, not him. He is presently out on bond. According to a recent report in *The Detroit Free Press*, Swidan is also accused of selling PCP and Cocaine.

Swidan also owns a party store and a Shell gas station in Taylor. He used to own what is now I-94 Shell on Wayne Road, next door to his party store in Romulus.

Swidan was, at one time, involved in the promotion of country music events when he and another man owned the Michigan Opry, which was held at the old Wayne Theatre in Wayne.

The investigation has been ongoing against Swidan and several other people since July of 1984. Drug Enforcement Administration agent William Coonce said Swidan is one of the major LSD traffickers in the Detroit area.

There has been no mention of whether or not Swidan was caught selling drugs out of RJ's Party Store on Wayne Road.

Swidan won a \$2 million jackpot in the Michigan Lottery in 1986, and will receive \$100,000 each year until the year 2006.

My Perspective on a Job Well Done

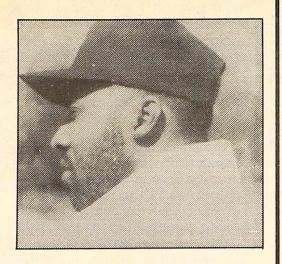
by Randy Gear

Once again, the citizens of the Romulus Community owe a big "thanks" to our fire department for its outstanding display of professionalism, motivation, and determination during the fire of Monday, April 4, on Middlebelt Road.

Several large sections of tires were burning out of control there. This was cause for immediate concern by the residents living in the vicinity of the establishment which was afire. Burning rubber releases toxic fumes and elements into the air that we breathe.

After my Council meeting, I decided to drive by the fire and observe what was taking place. Our police department had set up detours off Middlebelt Road, rerouting traffic east and west on to Beverly and Ecorse roads. By taking this precaution, motorists would not be put at risk, and the fire department would have more flexibility in conjunction with the job. The next afternoon, I visited the fire station where the men had just returned from their 23-hour ordeal so I could personally congratulate them on a job well done.

The men were covered with soot and their clothing was charred from the heat and smoke of the flames that they had battled. Their endurance and courage, which was so admirably displayed, was, in fact, over and beyond the call of duty.







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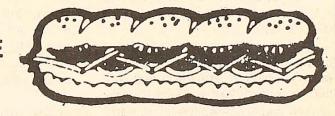
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A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR CLASS

by Mary Clark **April Birthdays**

Best wishes for a happy birthday to the following Romulus Towers residents: Al Thorne, Alma Bristow, Sally Mulka, Clara Drogs, and Helen Skelton. **60th Anniversary**

The beautiful multi-purpose room of the Romulus Towers was filled with warmth and love which emanated from children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, friends, and neighbors. Basking in the glow of lovelight sat Margaret and Bert Gilbert.

This was a very special celebration, a 60th wedding anniversary. Margaret was just beautiful, dressed in pale blue and smiling as she received kisses from little tots. The whole place seemed to be alive, not just with the spirit of the moment, but also with a feeling of happiness because Margaret had been able to leave the hospital and come home just in time to dress for the party. She is a spunky lady.

At the party, cake, coffee, and punch were served, and I could barely make myself leave the pineapple upsidedown cake. There were many different kinds of cake to choose from, and the . beauty was the anniversary cake. It was definitely a visual delight, as well as being a palate pleaser.

Margaret and Bert met when she was a telephone operator. They got acquainted by phone, then met and rode the Detroit streetcars together. It was a whirlwind romance and a very short engagement. They were married in Saint Leo's Church in Detroit on April 18, 1927.

Daughter Josephine and husband Al Allen, daughter Rose and husband Romy Thompson, son Leon and wife Shirley, and son Bert and wife Dolores planned and executed the lovely party. Josephine said they had had a bang-up party for the fiftieth anniversary, complete with band and dancing, but this one was planned to be a quiet one.

Besides the children, there are 16 grandchildren and 19 great grand children. The daughters say Margaret and Bert are great parents, and were always there when they needed them.

Bert retired from Climax Manufacturing in Belleville. He had worked for Capital Airlines, and was in the Army during World War II. While Bert was serving our country, Margaret was doing the same, working in the bomber plant at Willow Run. Bert's hobby is wood working, and Margaret's hobbies are Bingo and cooking. She says she is an old-fashioned cook; the aroma from her apartment makes me believe she is a gourmet cook.

of a long marriage is, and she replied, "Don't run away after the first argu-

ment, be kind and considerate of each other, help each other in every way, and, when you love someone, let them know it." Bert's response to the same question was, "Keep your wife straightened out." I do believe that Bert is a man of very few words.

Senior Center News

Thanks to Barbara Schultz for the following news from the Senior Center.

The Senior Center nutrition program will serve the following hot meals during the week of April 25 and May 2.

Menu for the Week of April 25:

- Monday: liver and onions, German potato salad, crinkle-cut carrots, rye bread, applesauce, and milk.
- Tuesday: chicken Tahitian, steamed rice, oriental mixed vegetables, pineapple juice, tapioca pudding, wheat bread, and milk.
- Wednesday: roast pork with gravy, scalloped potatoes, sweet 'n' sour cabbage, birthday cake, ice cream, vienna bread, and milk.
- Thursday: Swiss steak with creole sauce, mashed potato, spinach, apricots, pumpernickel bread, and milk.
- Friday: stuffed cabbage in tomato sauce, Italian vegetables, tossed green salad, fresh orange, and milk. Menu for the Week of May 2:
- · Monday: vegetable lasagna, lima beans, grape juice, pears, and milk.
- Tuesday: beef bourguignon, steamed rice, spinach salad, apple, wheat bread, and milk.
- Wednesday: baked ham with fruit sauce, baked sweet potato, peas with pearl onions, eclair, wheat roll
- Thursday: oven fried chicken, corn, potato salad, fresh fruit, muffin, and
- Friday: veal Parmesan, twice-baked potatoes, asparagus, cherry tart, cloverleaf roll, and milk.

In order to enjoy these meals, please make reservations with Mary, 24 hours in advance, by calling 942-6852 weekdays before 1 p.m.

All seniors 50 years of age and over are encouraged to participate in the activities at our center. Mondays are busy with a knitting and crocheting class at 9:30 a.m., and ceramic classes at 1 and 6 p.m. Senior Citizens Club #1 meets at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, and Bingo is enjoyed by many of our seniors on Wednesday at 1 p.m. Our needlepoint class is held Thursday at 9:30 a.m., and there is also a Weight Watchers meeting at 6 p.m. and a quilting class held at 7 p.m.

On March 28, Legal Aid will be provided for seniors from 9:30 a.m. to asked Margaret what the secret 12:30 p.m. on a first-come, first-served

The senior van will be going to the

Huron Township musical, "Two by Two," on Friday night, April 29. There are a few spaces still open.

Come join the fun! The Drop-In Center is located at 36515 Bibbins.

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With this imbalance, chiropractic's commitment to preventive health care is finding new appeal. Its practices which do not include the use of medication or surgery but utilize the body's built-in capability to restore good health within certain limits - foster a new attitude toward wellness. Chiropractic care, emphasizing spinal adjustments, proper diet, exercise, hygiene, environmental factors, and avoiding abuse of tobacco, alcohol and drugs, is safe and effective. For a public set on cutting costs and staying well this is very appealing.

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Barbershop Expanding

If you happen to drive past it, you'll notice that Dave's Barbershop is expanding to about two-and-a-half times its present size. Dave's Barbershop has been around Romulus for quite some time, and Dave and his wife are the operators of the shop.

Last year, Dave had some medical problems and, according to certain sources, he had trouble getting help to run his shop while he was off sick because he had only a two-chair shop. If his shop had been a four-chair shop, then he could have gotten some muchneeded assistance for his overburdened wife from a group that barbers are associated with.

The addition to the shop will allow room for two additional chairs and office space. With the two extra chairs, Dave will be able to get help for his wife if he were to become ill again.

Good thinking, Dave. It sounds like

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School Sports

RHS Tennis

Two lettermen return this year to lead a young and inexperienced Romulus High Tennis team this year.

Brian Banyai, last year's Captain and Most Valuable Player, provides experience and leadership at the number-one singles position. Brian has played for the Varsity three years, and is an experienced tournament player.

Senior Brian Maitland starts his second season playing second singles. The two Brians will have to show the younger players how to win in the tough South Central Conference.

After second singles, the lineup will probably be shuffled from match to match as young players gain experience and improve their games. Becky Barnts, Lakeisha Bowers, Lynnette Cain, Mike Cantrell, Gary Hardt, Cindy Jones, Wendy Mezza, Tony Montroy, Rhonda Payne, Tammy Rosinski, and Mark Wehrmeister are all new players learning the game, and are the hope for future seasons. Fred Hockett, Erika Nilssen, and Jim Wadsworth are seniors with limited experience.

In the first two matches, the Eagles lost to seventh-ranked Ann Arbor Huron, 7-0, and to Taylor Center, 5-2.

Against Huron, the Eagles played well, but were overpowered by a superior team. In the Taylor Center match, Brian Banyai and Tony Montroy (number-three singles) won three set matches to lead the team.

Varsity Girls' Track

The Varsity Girls' Track program kicked off the season with a very close 66-61 defeat to Taylor Truman and a 77-50 loss to Monroe Jefferson.

Coach Dan Henry assessed the team performance this way: "We have had a number of girls decide not to run track this spring for various reasons, and these girls could have helped us in field events and given us a little more depth in our running events, but the kids we have are giving us all they have and most of them are underclassmen. Things look good down the road and, as these kids learn to compete on the varsity level, we will begin doing very well in our meets."

Head Coach Ron Bayes added, "We can break some records with these girls. Chrissy Barker, senior, and Cara Cichowski are both running very well right now and, with Giawanna Lee leading our sprinters along with Yvette Mason, we may see some very good times by our team this year."

The distance group, consisting of Eugena Halimon, Dasha Ray, and Lisa Roy, is doing exceptionally well, according to Coach Dan Henry, and, with a little more hard work and a break in the weather, we should begin to see better times and more success by these hardworking young ladies.

Junior High Volleyball

The Junior High Volleyball team finished the season the same way it began it — with a victory. The Lady Bulldogs beat Redford Pierce to end the season with a 7-5 record for the eighth-grade team. The seventh-grade team was 2-2.

Coach Don Foley felt it was a very successful year, as he saw great improvement in the team aspect of the girls' play as well as many individual improvements. This year's team, he felt, has come the furthest from the beginning of the season to the end, and he sees great things for next year's teams (Junior High and J.V.).

Comprising the eighth-grade team were returning players Brandy Armold, Menyonne Boyd, Carmitta Brown, Tammie Gooch, Yolanda Hullun, Jenny McClure, Suzanne McFall, Sherri Rocha, and Charmaine Smith, and first-year players Heidi Bussard, Melissa Golembiewski, Tracy Johnson, Judy Osak, and Krista Seward.

The seventh-grade team consisted of Tonya Bishop, Michelle Brewer, Daniel Cadaret, Mary Crova, Elizabeth Greca, Robyn Grishaber, Doreen Hein, Tracy Nesbit, Petrina Sewell, and Stephanie Webb.

Team managers and statisticians were Andrea Johnson and Amanda Kesner, and Mr. Foley's student assistants were Melissa Anderson and Melissa Avery.

Congratulations, girls, on a fine year, and good luck in the future.

Varsity Softball

The Varsity Softball program, led by fourth-year coach Bill Cuhran, kicked off the 1988 season with a split double-header with a very tough Taylor Kennedy team.

The Eagles, led by senior captains Kim Lyles and Lisa McClure, fell short in their comeback attempt in game one. After giving up five runs in the first two innings, senior Liz Ward settled down as the Varsity Eagles staged their comeback. After closing the gap to a 5-3 deficit, Coach Bill Cuhran called on freshman Jennifer Daniel to finish the game. Jennifer pitched four shutout innings, but the Eagles couldn't crack the Kennedy pitcher. The game ended with the 5-3 score.

In the second game, Kim Lyles gave up some early runs, putting the Eagles behind again, but this time the bats boomed. Led by Shannon DuDonis, Lisa McClure, and Liz Ward, the Eagles came back to tie the game at five each. Once again, on came Jennifer Daniel, and the young freshman hurler held off Kennedy until the Eagles could get that winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

Having won the Kennedy game 7-6, the Eagles took on Taylor Truman Thursday afternoon. Liz Ward, senior pitcher, went to work the first inning and took control of the game. Liz finished with five strikeouts and no walks, and her

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Romulus High School — 1988 Junior Varsity Baseball Schedule Head Coach: Dennis Stoh; Assistant Coach: Don Foley

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | PLACE | TIME | BUS |
|-----|----------|------------------------|-------|-------|------|
| TH | April 21 | Garden City | Home | 3:30 | |
| SA | April 23 | Belleville (DH) | Home | 11:00 | |
| TU | April 26 | Ann Arbor Huron | Home | 4:00 | |
| TH | April 28 | Ann Arbor Pioneer | Away | 4:00 | 2:30 |
| TU | May 3 | Adrian | Home | 4:00 | |
| TH | May 5 | Erie Mason | Home | 4:00 | |
| F | May 6 | Ypsilanti (DH) | Home | 3:30 | |
| TU | May 10 | New Boston | Away | 4:00 | 2:30 |
| W | May 11 | Fordson | Home | 4:00 | |
| F | May 13 | Ann Arbor Huron (DH) | Away | 3:30 | 2:00 |
| TU | May 17 | Ann Arbor Pioneer (DH) | Home | 3:30 | |
| TH | May 19 | Milan | Away | 4:00 | 2:30 |
| M | May 23 | Taylor Center (DH) | Away | 3:30 | 2:00 |
| TU | May 24 | Adrian (DH) | Away | 3:30 | 1:15 |

Romulus Junior High School — 1988 Co-Ed Track Schedule Girls' Coach: Mike Rains; Boys' Coach: Larry Thomas

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | PLACE | TIME | BUS | |
|-----|----------|----------------------|-------|------|------|--|
| W | April 20 | Belleville-North | Away | 4:00 | 3:15 | |
| M | April 25 | Southfield Christian | Away | 4:00 | 2:15 | |
| TU | May 3 | Belleville-South | Home | 4:00 | | |
| W | May 4 | Redford Hilbert | Home | 4:00 | | |
| F | May 6 | Ypsilanti-Relays | Away | 3:30 | 2:15 | |
| M | May 16 | South Lyon | Away | 4:00 | 2:30 | |
| TH | May 19 | Ypsilanti-East | Home | 4:00 | | |
| W | May 25 | Riverside | Home | 4:00 | | |

Romulus High School — 1988 Men's and Women's Track Schedule Head Women's Coach: Ron Bayes; Assistant Women's Coach: Dan Henry Head Men's Coach: Al Wilkerson; Assistant Men's Coach: Norbert Glover

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | PLACE | TIME | BUS |
|-----|----------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|------|
| SA | April 23 | Monroe Invitational | Away | TBA | |
| TU | April 26 | Ann Arbor Huron | Home | 3:30 | |
| TU | May 3 | Ypsilanti | Away | 3:30 | 2:15 |
| TH | May 5 | Ypsilanti-Lincoln | Away | 4:00 | 2:30 |
| M | May 9 | Highland Park | Away | 4:00 | 2:15 |
| TU | May 10 | Adrian | Home | 3:30 | |
| TH | May 12 | Milan | Away | 4:00 | 2:15 |
| SA | May 14 | Wayne Invitational (AM times) | Away | 10:00 | 8:30 |
| M | May 16 | River Rouge | Home | 3:30 | |
| W | May 18 | Garden City | Away | 3:30 | 2:15 |
| F | May 20 | Regionals | | TBA | TBA |
| W | May 25 | SCC Meet | Huron | TBA | TBA |
| SA | June 4 | State Finals | | TBA | TBA |
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teammates staked her to a 12-0 lead after two innings. The hitting attack was led by Laurie Berlinn, Jennifer Daniel, Shannon DuDonis, Kim Lyles, and Lisa McClure, and Dawn Warner and Michele Good also had timely hits as the Eagles pounded on Kennedy for a 20-7 finish.

In the second game, Coach Cuhran gave Jennifer Daniel her first high-school start, and the young hurler came through by pitching a complete game, striking out six, walking two, and not allowing any runs.

Assessing the first week, Coach Cuhran said, "Our defense is becoming very solid behind Laurie Berlinn at first base and Michele Scarrow at third. If our pitchers continue to throw strikes and make teams hit the ball on the ground, we will be in all of our games this year. We have a very young team, and we are going to make some mistakes, but our pitching is much more solid than that of last year's 7-21 team, and I foresee these girls having

a good year. With the addition of some very solid J.V. players coming up next year, we should become one of the better teams in the area."

On Saturday, the Eagles played in the Taylor Invitational, upping their season record to five wins and two losses. The day began with a very tough 8-1 loss to Garden City. Liz Ward, senior pitcher, started the game, but left in the third inning after a collision with a Garden City baserunner. Kim Lyles, senior Captain, came on and finished the game, but, despite great hitting by Laurie Berlinn and Michele Scarrow, the Eagles could not break the fine defense of Garden City for enough runs.

In the second game, Kim Lyles pitched the Eagles to a 21-2 win over Taylor Truman for her first win of the season. The Eagles hitting attack was led by Kim and teammates Laurie Berlinn and Liz Ward, all collecting three hits. Lisa McClure had two hits and three RBIs before suffering a knee

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injury that may sideline the senior catcher for a week or more.

In the third game, it was time for the youngsters to show their talents, as freshman Jennifer Daniel pitched the Eagles to a 14-11 victory over Annapolis. moving her season record to 3-0. After giving up seven runs in the first inning, Jennifer and the Eagle defense settled down and took over with the bats. The hitting attack was led, once again, by Laurie Berlinn, with much assistance from freshman Renee Bitner, sophomore Shannon DuDonis, junior Kim Picciano, and freshman Michele Scarrow. Jennifer also helped herself with some very timely hits.

"I am becoming more confident in these young girls every game," stated Coach Cuhran. "I cannot predict what our season will be like this year because we are so young and inexperienced, but I can say we are going to be in most games and these kids give their all. As we mature and get stronger, we should become a very good team."

The Varsity Softball team is looking forward to seeing fans at the games of what looks to be an exciting season.

Junior Varsity Softball

The J.V. Softball girls began their 1988 campaign with a fine victory over Taylor Kennedy on Tuesday. Behind the solid pitching of sophomore Becky Szente and an excellent hitting attack led by Beth Bergmann, Renee Bitner, Susan Molenda, Angie Ripple, and Angie Slawinski, the young Eagles put away Kennedy early in the game.

On Wednesday, they faced an always tough Belleville J.V. team, and the gloves stopped working. Many errors led to a 19-16 defeat that evening, but the young softballers regrouped to come back for a victory on Thursday over Taylor Truman, taking their season record to two wins and one loss.

"We have a mostly freshman team, with many of our sophomores having come out this year for the first time," said Coach Don Kobane. "We are going to make a lot of mistakes early this season, but these girls have some real talent and we should see some fine ballgames out of them by early May.

"Next week, league play begins with Ypsilanti," added Kobane, "and we will begin to see just how much we

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have progressed, and how much further we have to go."

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Varsity Baseball

The opening of the Varsity Baseball season has been a rocky one for the Eagles. Playing two top teams in the Metro Area, the Varsity has dropped its first four games of the season.

In the opener, the Eagles played the highly touted Taylor Kennedy squad. Kennedy swept the doubleheader, 13-0 and 3-2. In the first game, Romulus pitchers were blasted for 15 hits. In the nightcap, Keith Brothers pitched a fine six hitter, only to see Kennedy score the winning run in the top of the seventh on a double by Steve Avery, the All-State candidate.

Romulus' second game of the season pitted the Eagles against Taylor Truman. Both games were entertaining for the fans, but nightmares for the coaches, as both teams suffered from numerous mistakes and errors. In the opener of the doubleheader, Truman edged Romulus, 15-13, in a real slugfest. The highlight for Romulus was a grand slam homerun by Steve Hoinka. In the finale, the Eagles dropped an 8-3, four-inning ball game.

Junior Varsity Baseball

The J.V. Baseball team is off to a good start, winning its first two games of the season. The team is composed of seven freshmen and 10 sophomores. and Coach Don Foley is looking for good things from this group.

In the first game of the season, the J.V. Eagles defeated Taylor Kennedy, 7-6, on a bases-loaded walk to Mike Bergeron in the bottom of the seventh. The hitting attack was led by Scott Ladach, with two hits and two RBIs, and Eddie Tank, with two hits. Tank was also the winning pitcher, going all seven innings, striking out seven and walking six.

In the second game, the Eagles defeated Taylor Truman, 9-3. Robert Hoth (homerun, triple, and one RBI), Eddie Tank (homerun, double, and two RBIs), and Damon Davis (two hits and two RBIs) led the hitting barrage, and Chris Jones also had a triple. Davis was the winning pitcher, going all the way and striking out six while walking only three.

The J.V. players would like to remind their fans that the team plays at home on Thursday, April 21, against Garden City (3:30 p.m.) and on Saturday, April 23, for a doubleheader with Belleville (11 a.m.).

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School News

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College Grants Announced

A new Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) is available to low income students who graduate or earn a GED certificate before the age of 20. The program will pay community college tuition and fees as long as students graduated after April, 1988 and are from lower-income families. Additional information is available from high school counselors, or students may write TIP, P.O. Box 30037, Lansing, MI 48909.

High School Markets Winning Product

A special honor was recently awarded to the marketing program at Romulus Senior High School.

Teachers throughout the state voted the Romulus Marketing Program to serve as the model for the State of Michigan. High school principal Tom Dolan stated, "This is a real credit to our students and to William Musham, our distributive education teacher. His hard work and creative planning helped Romulus achieve this honor."

Drug-Free Rap Wins Top Prize

The first successful talent show staged for parents, students, and staff was held February 5 at Romulus Junior High. Fifteen individuals comprising nine acts danced, sang or 'rapped' to popular music or original compositions.

First prize of \$25 was awarded to Malcolm Underwood and Corey Holmes for their original rap entitled, "Say No To Drugs." A \$15 second place prize went to Teresa Sudduth for her rendition of "Let's Wait Awhile." The \$10 third place award was won by Chante Tipton and Tracey Johnson for their dance routine to "Going Back to Cali."

Congratulations were in order to all contestants and the audience showed great support and encouragement. Judges for the show were Dr. Terrel LeCesne of Central Office, special education teacher Deborah Juriga and counselor John Silveri.

A super class challenge was held on February 19. Each advisor group selected 2 students who represented their grades in various competitions. Tradition was unbroken as the eighth graders emerged victorious amid thundering cheers during the final tie-breaking Tug-a-War.

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The junior high continued to be a hive of activity as 58 girls converged on the building in the evening hours with sleeping bags in tow. The third annual sleep-over had begun. The night was filled with continuous videos, volleyball and basketball games, dancing, talking, signing memory books, and eating.

Two mice tried to join the activities but were politely asked to leave. They had failed to bring their own sleeping bags. A special thanks goes out to staff women Debbie Juriga, Cathy Allison, Kathy Abdo, Lynn Behta, Lynn Cleary. Chris Powers, Cindy Domas, Cheryle Hopper, and Sandy Godbout for the fine job of chaperoning. One thing the girls failed to remember to do was SLEEP!! Night custodian Alvin Dupree deserved thanks for all his assistance.

Coming months will see activities such as the Super Star Contest, Super Class versus Faculty Challenge; and eighth grade Michigan History field trip to Mackinac Island.

Parents interested in becoming members of the Parents' Association can call 722-1050 for more information. Elevator Planned for Senior High

Romulus Schools has been awarded a Federal Architectural Barriers Grant of \$58,000 for construction of an elevator at Romulus Senior High. Construction is expected to begin this

An elevator is needed to allow medically and physically handicapped students and staff freer access to the second floor of the high school. This will solve a long-standing problem of scheduling classes for the handicapped. Upon completion of the project the high school will be barrier free.

Foster Families Needed

Children's Home is a residential treatment facility for children ages six through 17. Due to family problems, these children are unable to live at home and often times are out of the home for several years.

Children who make progress in Children's Home, but whose family situation is not yet ready to have them return, are placed in foster homes so that they might experience a wholesome and relaxed family life.

Children who qualify for foster care must meet certain criteria. Compatibility is extremely important and foster

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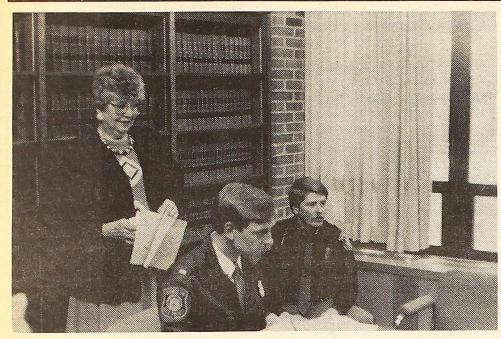
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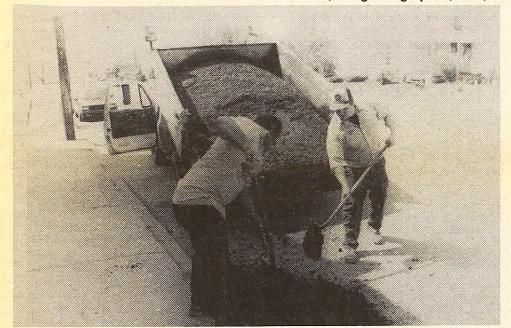
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Sergeant Brown, Officer Richardson, and Mayor McAnally take part in the presentation of proclamations presented to the Disabled American Veterans, designating April 8, 1988, as "Because We Care Day" to pay tribute to hospitalized veterans.



Thanks, DPW!



Aztec Moves to Romulus



We at *The Romulus News* wish to thank the Department of Public Works for its quick response time to a complaint about a chuckhole in Downtown Romulus. The DPW was called at 1 p.m., and before 2:30 p.m. that same day, the

hole was fixed. Thanks for the immediate attention!

If you need something done by the DPW, please call them direct and ask for Ray Stritz or Jim Panos. □



Ecorse-based Aztec Manufacturing Company plans to move by July into a newly constructed 20,000-square-foot building in Oakwood Industrial Park in Romulus, said Aztec President Francis Lopez. The building is under construc-

tion on the southwest corner of I-275 and Eureka Road.

Lopez said the company, which makes precision forgings and castings for the auto industry, will add 20 employees to its current staff of 25.

KOSTEUA'S REPORT

James Kosteva, State Representative, 37th District

Legislature Votes City Income Tax **Breaks for Seniors, Blind People**

Michigan cities can grant senior citizens and blind people additional tax exemptions on their city income tax under a bill close to passage in the Legislature. Cities could also allow an additional exemption for deaf, quadriplegic, pariplegic, hemiplegic, and totally and permanently disabled taxpayers.

Michigan Youth Corps Offers Summer

Unemployed young people between the ages of 18 and 21 can apply for minimum-wage summer jobs with the Michigan Youth Corps (MYC). Applications are now available at schools and State Department of Social Services and Michigan Employment Security Commission officers across the State.

Typical MYC jobs are in parks and recreation areas and in hospitals and community centers.

Teen Drinking in Motels and Hotels Target of Bill

Minors would have a tougher time gaining access to motel and hotel rooms under legislation now in the House. The bill would impose penalties on adults who rent rooms and then allow minors to use them for unsupervised parties where controlled substances or alcohol are consumed.

New Law Permits Alternative Punishments for Juveniles

Judges may order juvenile offenders to perform community service or make restitution to victims under a new State law. Some courts have assumed that they could not impose alternative sanctions because the juvenile code has not specifically permitted non-detention punishments other than probation.

Seatbelt Use in School Buses Recommended by House Panel

A bill which would authorize Michigan school districts to require seat belts to be used in school buses has been approved by a House subcommittee. The legislation would amend current law, which does not allow school districts to add the safety devices to the buses without approval by the State.

Great Lakes Cleanup Plan Approved

Legislation to encourage local efforts to care for the Great Lakes and their major tributaries has been approved by the House. The bill would establish a grant program to support local volunteer cleanup projects.

Harbor Development Fund Becomes Law

Legislation to increase development of harbor facilities and marinas on the Great Lakes and inland waterways has been signed into law. The new law earmarks revenues from sale of used boats and boat motors to a State fund which would purchase property suitable for marina development. The State will make necessary improvements and then lease the sites to private developers for long-term operation. House Votes to Rename Bridge to **Honor Former Governor**

The House has approved legislation to rename the Mackinaw Bridge after the late G. Mennen Williams. Williams served six terms as Governor of Michigan, more than any other governor in State history. He was a major force behind the construction of the Mackinaw Bridge and also served as Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court.

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parents have the right to refuse a particular child if they feel that the child would not fit into their homes.

Foster families are needed for teens, ages 13-17. All expenses are covered. In addition, training and guidance are provided. For further information please contact Children's Home at 886-0802.

Halecreek Parents Help Instructors

An extensive and productive parent volunteer program is in place at Halecreek Elementary. About 40 parents work at school or at their homes each week, correcting papers, doing bulletin boards, wiping runny noses, or listening to children read. "It is impossible to measure the positive impact parents have on our total instructional program," explains principal Art McPharlin. "They provide a needed service to our school, and they become more aware of the difficult and challenging job teaching has become."

Parent volunteer Janet Green states, "I feel that working closely with teachers at school allows the teacher more time to work with individual students. Because of parent volunteers, teachers can also do more with group work and the class as a whole."

John Brown, a volunteer father, says, "I love working with children, but sometimes it can really get to me." Laura Brown volunteers along with her husband and states, "All of the children profit from our involvement. With large gram provides."

Parents who cannot help at school have work sent to their homes. Whether working in a classroom, volunteering at home or working in the school library, parents at Halecreek are proud to say help, ask me. I'm a parent volunteer."

Merriman Reaches Out

Despite negative reports about troubled youth, the majority of this nation's young people are both dependable and compassionate. A class of Merriman sixth graders proved that point over the Thanksgiving holidays when they adopted a family which needed special assistance.

Through the help of Florence Klein, director of the Helping Hand Thrift Shop in Romulus, students in Mrs. Germaine's class were directed to a family which had encountered severe economic problems. The students rallied to the cause and collected three boxes of food, clothing and money to buy a turkey and other perishables needed for a complete Thanksgiving dinner.

The students learned a valuable lesson in life when they experienced the wonderful, warm feeling of giving without expecting or wanting anything in return.

Dates to Remember

Library Offers Fun. Computer Pix is available for students entering the seventh grade through high school. Students answer a questionnaire, data is fed into a computer and students receive a list of books for recreational reading during the summer.

The Summer Reading Program begins June 20, 1988. Programs are held each Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. The program dates are: June 22 and 29; July 6, 13, 20, and 27; and August 3 and 10. The final party will be held on class sizes, the teachers and children August 17 at 1 p.m. The reading club is need the extra help our volunteer pro- open to all children from preschool through grade school.

> Storytimes will be held Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. on July 5, 12, 19, and 26, and Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. on July 7, 14, 21, and 28.

Book Sale Benefits Library. Friends to students and staff, "If you need any of the Romulus Library will hold a used book sale May 2, 3, and 4 at the library

during regular hours. On Saturday, May 7, buyers may bring a grocery bag and fill it for \$1.

Council Picks September 17. The Romulus Arts Council will hold its fifth annual Arts and Crafts Fair on September 17. People interested in displaying crafts should call Gloria Chandler at 941-2678.

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Jack Smith Says Thank You

With deepest appreciation and gratitude for the recent kindness shown to my family and myself, I wish to say a sincere thanks to all of the people who were involved in the benefit show for me, and for all the many cards, letters, flowers, and personal visits I received.

This has been a very trying time for us, but the concern of so many friends and neighbors has made it more bearable. I want to say a special 'thank you' to Willie Payne, President of the Wayne County Racoon Hunters Club, to J.R. Harrington of the Bluegrass Club, and to 'the little paper,' The Romulus News.

I will be going back into the hospital for surgery on April 20. Your contributions are greatly appreciated, as well as the many prayers said on my behalf. Again, I thank you.

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Local Students to Attend OEA's Annual Leadership Conference in Louisville

Two students from Romulus Senior High School, Katherine Kearns and Tracy Matheny, will attend the April 28-May 1 National Leadership Conference of the Office Education Association (OEA) in Louisville, Kentucky, with their Business Office Education Club (BOEC) advisor, Mrs. Florence Satterlee.

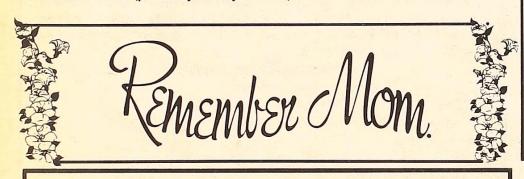
Katherine qualified to represent the Romulus school system by placing first in legal applications, and Tracy did likewise by placing second in financial assistant at BOEC's State Leadership Conference in March. They will be a part of the 2,500 students in 22 states attending the annual conference.

OEA's 22nd National Leadership Conference is for students interested in developing their skills for careers as business professionals. It attracts the top representatives from the 72,000 members nationally. This annual event is the highlight of the membership year for ambitious, career-oriented students to demonstrate competencies acquired during the school year.

The National Leadership Conference will begin with the participants attending an opening session featuring nationally recognized Judi Moreo as the keynote speaker. The following days will be filled with activities including the election of the 1988-89 national officers, educational workshops, and general sessions. Members who have already achieved recognition during local, regional, and state competitive events will have a further opportunity to compete in Louisville on the national level. The top competitors will be recognized by their OEA advisors and peers during the Awards Session on the closing day of the conference.



B.O.E.C.'s State Leadership Conference award winners Tracy Matheny (left) and Katherine Kearns (photo by Danny Gaddis)



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APRIL 1988 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| HALECREEK SCHOOL — ART McPHARLIN, PRINCIPAL | | | | |
|---|---|------------|--|--|
| DAY | SPECIAL EVENTS | TIME | ROOM | |
| 21 | Kindergarten Field Trip to Dr. Hill's | | | |
| | Dental Office (A.M. Session) | 9:35 | | |
| | (P.M. Session) | 12:20 | | |
| | Parent-Teacher Conferences (P.M.) | 5:30-8:00 | 1 0 F 1 | |
| 22 | Honor Roll Assembly — | | Walter Street | |
| | Parents Invited (A.M.) | 10:00 | Cafeteria | |
| | Half Day of School, Grades 1-6 | | The particular | |
| | School Dismissed at 11:15 A.M. | | 1 3 9 14 . 3 | |
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| | P.M. Kindergarten in Session | | and a language | |
| 28 | 6th Grade Field Trip to Cranbrook | | THE WAY IN | |
| Aluen a | Hawk Award Drawing | | | |
| 29 | Positive Discipline Reward Programs | | The state of the | |
| DAY | WEEKLY ACTIVITIES | TIME (PM) | ROOM | |
| M | Cub Scout Pack 1739 — Den 7 | 2:45-4:30 | Cafeteria | |
| 7. | Cub Scout Pack 1739 — Den 6 | 2:45-4:30 | Art | |
| 1-11 | Karate Class | 6:00-8:00 | Gym | |
| | Brownie Troop 291 | 6:30-7:45 | Cafeteria | |
| Т | Cub Scouts | 2:45-4:00 | Art | |
| | Cub Scouts — Den 3 | 4:00-6:30 | Art | |
| . St | Brownie Troop | 6:30-7:30 | Music | |
| 1.7% | 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month — | 6:30-7:30 | Art | |
| | Tiger Cubs | | | |
| | 3rd Tuesday of the Month — | 7:00-9:00 | Art | |
| | Cub Scout Adult Meeting | | | |
| W | P.A.L. Program for 4-year-olds (A.M.) | 9:30-11:00 | #3 | |
| | Boy Scout Troop | 7:00-9:00 | Music | |
| Т | Girl Scout Troop 215 | 6:00-7:00 | Library | |
| | Cub Scouts | 6:00-7:00 | Art | |
| | Monthly Pack Meeting (on Last Thursday) | 7:00-9:00 | Cafeteria | |
| F | Webelos Meeting | 5:00-6:00 | Art | |
| | | | | |

Coming Soon! SPRING FAIR, May 6, 1988, 5:00-7:30 P.M.

Both School Propositions LOSE!!

A total vote for the propositions presented to the public on 4/19/1988:

1,270 Votes Cast

Proposition A:

Yes: 502

No: 732

Proposition B:

Yes: 532

No: 704

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WETLANDS

Romulus Roman ran was not correct. While every paper is entitled to have their own beliefs enunciated when they label an editorial the way the Roman did, they should at least have their facts together. The most glaring error they made was, they allude that the City of Romulus is trying to stop the building in Wayne of the Ford Motor factory. This is absolutely false and incorrect." The attorney went on to say that the City of Romulus is, in fact, trying to stop the creation of a wetland in Romulus.

In the editorial, The Romulus Roman stated that the law is quite clear as to Wayne's authority to do what they are doing with the creation of the wetland. In response to that, the Romulus attorney said, "There has never been a case, to my knowledge, nor to the DNR or the City of Wayne's knowledge, or the defendants would have responded in their brief, citing it where a decision has been made in Michigan under the Goemaere-Anderson Act, allowing or not allowing the creation of a wetland. This is a new area of law," he concluded.

Back to the critters. They just lost their homes. Most of them knew nothing about it beforehand, so they did not have a chance to move to Romulus. Had they known they were to move, especially to tax-free land, they most assuredly would have done so. There was no eviction notice to these poor little critters. No one was there to help them move their water supply to Romulus; there was no way to relocate their food sources. Worst of all, there is no wooded area, similar to the one they had previously, for them to inhabit.

All of that, in itself, is enough to upset the most hard at heart. Now, here comes the clincher. The DNR knew all of this in advance. They knew these poor little critters would suffer, at best. Guess what? They were blatantly murdered by bulldozers, tree cutters, dirt haulers, and the like.

Would you like for your favorite little critter to be murdered just because of big money? It would seem evident that the City of Wayne, the DNR, and Ford Motor Company do not care in the least what happens to the little critters who live in the wetland area of Wayne. They like money, not critters.

Evidently, there is a judge who feels the same way that the DNR, the City of Wayne, and Ford Motor Company feel; he upheld the decision. Now Romulus is going to take the case to a higher court.

It is apparent that what is actually happening here is that, according to the judge's decision, all the City of Wayne has to do is purchase property from private citizens in Romulus, transfer the title of wetland to that property, sell the wetland they have to some business so they can collect taxes, and let the City of Romulus go without collecting taxes on property that Wayne declares to be wetland in our city.

Mayor McAnally and City Council have vowed they will fight this issue as far as the courts will allow them to.

My response to that is, "Hooray for the Mayor and Council for having the guts to take on the DNR, as powerful as it is, and the City of Wayne and some short-sighted judge." The Mayor and Council should be applauded. A standing ovation, if you please.

Drug Program at Halecreek

Art McPharlin, Principal at Halecreek Elementary School, sent the following letter to Officer John Smagner of the Romulus Police Department.

Dear Officer Smagner:

Thank you for your invitation to provide a drug education program for all students attending Halecreek School. Your willingness to work closely with our school and community is an excellent example of our city and school district working together for the betterment of all our citizens. Attached is a proposed schedule for the drug education program at Halecreek School.

Please let me know if you will need any equipment. We look forward to seeing you May 2nd and again, thank you.

> Sincerely, Art McPharlin Principal

The Romulus News congratulates Officer Smagner and Mr. McPharlin on their concern for the children of the community. It is that little extra care and effort on the part of special people like them that can make all the difference.

Officer Smagner's awareness of the fact that even our youngest school-age children are exposed to the deadly problem of drugs, and his willingness to educate them, may prevent more than one senseless death in the future.

Mr. McPharlin's dedication is also readily apparent. He works together with many, for his concern extends beyond just the academic environment of his school. The Romulus News especially appreciates all of the extra time that Mr. McPharlin spends to keep "the little paper" informed about all the events happening at Halecreek. If all administrators cooperated as willingly as he does, the community would be much better informed about what goes on in the school system of our city.

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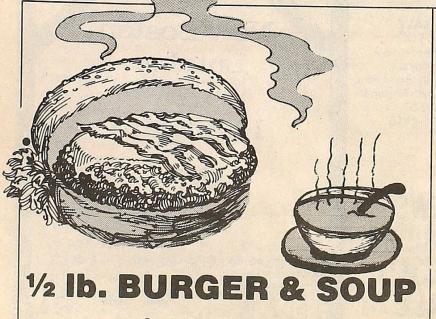
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